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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	
Tsuyoshi ARUGA et al.	Group Art Unit: 1791
Application No.: 10/563,131	Examiner: Nickolas R. HARM
Filed: May 30, 2006	Confirmation No.: 8038
National Stage of International Application No. PCT/JP2004/009160 under 35 U.S.C. 371, for JOINING METHOD AND JOINING DEVICE	** **.

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2009, the period for response extending to January 2, 2010, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper.